



Volunteer Abroad in Fiji

GVI

GVI was the organization that I traveled to Fiji with. GVI was founded in order to implement high quality sustainable development and experiential education programs around the world. GVI had 5 core focuses in Fiji: WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene), health and nutrition, income generation, education enrichment and empowerment, and environmental management & protection.

Project Description

During my time in Silana Village, I was on the community development team. Our main focuses in the two weeks I was there were waste management and recovery from Cyclone Winston.



Location

- The service trip was located in Silana Village, Dawasamu District, Fiji. Silana Village is a small village located in the northeast portion of Fiji.



My Transformation

The Fijian culture was so unique compared to my own. The different values and beliefs that I learned in my time in Fiji have transformed my life greatly. The positive attitude and group comradery in the village changed my view on life tremendously. The lessons I learned in my time in Fiji will forever have a positive impact on my life.

Why Fiji?

I have always wanted to travel out of the country, and in particular somewhere in the southern hemisphere. Also, during my freshman year I learned that the poverty rate in Fiji was abnormally high. This statistic surprised me because I always thought Fiji was wealthy due to tourism.

